

The Greenville County Transportation Safety Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Greenville County Government Building.

PRESENT

James S. Hill, Chairman
Francis Drummond
Wayne Fetko
Samuel High
Len Hobbs
Eddie Lee Moore

ABSENT

George Carter
Cornell Hines

STAFF PRESENT

Linwood E. Pope, Jr.
Susan D. Conwell

OTHERS PRESENT

Jerry Kee

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order. The secretary called the roll.

In Re: Election of Officers

Chairman Hill relinquished the chair to Mr. Pope to receive nominations for chairman.

Mr. Pope called for nominations for the office of Chairman. Commissioner Fetko moved that the slate of officers remain the same for another year where James Hill is Chairman; Cornell Hines is Vice-Chairman; and, Linwood E. Pope, Jr. is Secretary. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Commissioner Drummond moved to close nomination for the slate of officers. Commissioner High seconded the motion to close the nomination for the slate of officers. All voted aye that the slate of officers remain the same for another year where James Hill is Chairman; Cornell Hines is Vice-Chairman; and, Linwood E. Pope, Jr. is Secretary.

In Re: Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Fetko moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted aye to approve the Agenda.

In Re: Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2012

Commissioner Drummond moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2012. Commissioner Fetko seconded the motion. All voted aye to approve the minutes of October 23, 2012.

In Re: Old Concerns

Sussex Drive

Commissioner Hobbs stated the Wrong Way sign posted near Simmons Truck Stop needs to be on a taller post because when driving a pickup the sign blocks view of the traffic in the north bound lane. Mr. Jerry Kee with VDOT stated the sign is at the correct height.

Low Ground Road

Commissioner Hines stated water stands at the edge of the road in the curve approximately ¼ mile from the City of Emporia limits. Mr. Jerry Kee with VDOT stated he believed the problem was fixed when the paving was completed.

Little Low Ground Road

Commissioner Moore stated there is a dead white oak tree near Taylors Mill Road on the state right-of-way ditch bank that needs to be removed. Mr. Kee stated this tree removal was on the list for the contractor.

Little Low Ground Road

Commissioner Hines stated there is a dead tree located approximately 1200 feet from Low Ground Road/Little Low Ground Road intersection where limbs fall with strong winds that needs to be removed. Mr. Kee stated this tree removal was on the list for the contractor.

Low Ground Road

Commissioner Hines stated there is a dip on the road, east of Emporia city limits that needs to be dug out and repacked. Mr. Kee stated he believed the problem was fixed when the paving was completed.

Caney Branch Road

Commissioner Moore stated a pipe is needed at the swamp, near the cinder block house just past the curve. Mr. Kee stated the pipe was there and has been cleaned out.

Crescent Road

Commissioner Carter stated the Thru Trucks sign was not visible due to tree branches that need to be trimmed. Mr. Kee stated he believed the tree branches had been removed.

Taylors Mill Road

Commissioner Moore asked if a slow sign could be placed near Antioch Baptist Church, similar to the one at Zion Baptist Church. Mr. Kee stated the Board of Supervisors could request that a speed study be done and if the speed study indicated a slow sign was needed, one could be put up. Mr. Pope indicated he would follow-up with this request.

755 Brickyard Road

Commissioner Hill stated the ditch and branch is stopped up by accumulated railroad rock that was washed into it when we last had heavy rains. Mr. Kee stated the rock had been cleaned out. Commissioner Hill stated the railroad rock had only been cleaned out on one side. Mr. Kee stated he would have Kevin look into this.

Pine Log Road

Commissioner Hobbs stated there is a pothole in the edge of the road between Pine Log Road and the hog house on Diamond Grove Road. Mr. Kee stated this has been fixed.

Brunswick Road

Commissioner Fetko stated the street light at the Woodruff Store on Pleasant Shade Drive shines directly into the driver's eyes when entering Grassy Pond Road from Brunswick Road. Mr. Pope stated the security light belongs to the owner of the store.

Street Light

Mr. Pope advised that a resident in the Washington Park area has requested a street light study be done on the Calloway Street curve to Louis Street to determine the cost and feasibility. Mr. Pope stated he had talked to Sheriff Edwards who indicated this area is likely a crime spot and would agree a street light is needed. Sheriff Edwards further indicated he would provide a letter stating this fact. Mr. Pope advised he has not heard from Dominion Power yet.

In Re: New Concerns

Secondary road repaving

Mr. Pope advised the commissioners he had received some negative comments from county residents regarding the quality of the repaving of the county roads. Mr. Kee stated he had received numerous complaints as well. Mr. Kee further stated VDOT has reviewed the issues expressed by residents and is currently holding money due to the contractor for not meeting VDOT's criteria. All issues should be resolved this spring when the weather warms again.

Caney Branch Road/Taylor's Mill Road intersection

Commissioner Moore stated there is a pothole at the intersection. Mr. Kee stated he would ask that it be fixed the next day.

In Re: Other Matters

There were none.

It was noted the next meeting would be Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Fetko moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Drummond seconded the motion. All voted aye to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

James S. Hill, Chairman